

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING WCMT-AM ON ITS 2005 CRYSTAL AWARD

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me today in honoring WCMT-AM, in Martin, Tennessee, for being named a 2005 Crystal Award Winner by the National Association of Broadcasters. As you know, this very prestigious award recognizes those radio stations that provide outstanding public service to their communities, and we are proud that WCMT is receiving this honor.

WCMT is a treasure for West Tennessee because of its focus on those who live in Weakley County and the surrounding areas. The station's news programming has long been an excellent source of information for West Tennesseans, and its community outreach efforts have been invaluable to many of our fellow residents. It is locally owned and operated by Thunderbolt Broadcasting, whose president and general manager, Paul Tinkle, is a long-time friend of mine and a true leader in Weakley County.

WCMT-AM is a past recipient of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award and a four-time finalist for the NAB Crystal Award, with which it is now being honored. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the decades of dedicated broadcasting excellence and community service that have helped WCMT earn this celebrated honor.

A TRIBUTE TO NICOLAS ABREU

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Nicolas Abreu.

Nicolas Abreu was born on the beautiful island of the Dominican Republic to Hobo and Nicolasa Abreu. On February 19, 1979, the entire family migrated to New York in order to pursue a better life.

His first job, as a waiter in a local restaurant, lasted for nine years. Remembering the vision of his parents led him to resign from his restaurant job and go to work at the family run Auto Dealer establishment.

On November 14, 1981, Nicolas Abreu married Luz at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Together, they are the proud parents of three children.

Continuing the family legacy, in 1991, Mr. Abreu opened his own auto sales business in Brooklyn, naming it "Diana Auto Sales" after his daughter. Business was good and by the mid 1990s Nicolas opened his second used car sales establishment, Crystal Motors Inc., named after his niece.

Mr. Abreu also leads by example in his spiritual life. He is an Extra Ordinary Minister at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, where he and his family worship. He is the founding member of the EMAUS (a men's group in the church whose role is to get men involved in activities in the church).

He owes his success to his parents for their vision and dedication to their children; if it were not for his parent's foresight he would not be where he is today. Mr. Speaker, Nicolas Abreu recognizes the importance of family, hard work, respect for the community and courage makes him more than worthy of our recognition today.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOHN HANSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an invaluable member of my community, Mr. John Hanson. Mr. Hanson is a Building Maintenance Specialist from the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and has recently completed a tour of duty in Iraq with the Army National Guard. Sergeant First Class Hanson's unit was called up in late 2003 and he served in Iraq for 16 consecutive months.

Mr. Hanson has been with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea since 1988 and was well supported by his wife, Annette, his two children, and his community. Mr. Hanson has not only served his country with honor, but has met some of the humanitarian needs of the Iraqis that he has come in contact with. While he was in Iraq, John supported, with the assistance of his family at home, an Iraqi school with shipments of items like flip-flops, tank tops, and school supplies. For having endured an extended time away from his family and friends, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has awarded him a key to the City.

Through his enormous sense of decency, fairness, generosity, and commitment to his country, Mr. John Hanson has been an asset to everyone that he has touched. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Sergeant First Class John Hanson.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join all of those who have gathered in congratulating the National Organization of Italian American Women as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary. This is

a very special milestone for this outstanding organization.

Twenty-five years ago, a small group of Italian American women gathered in the Upper West Side apartment of Aileen Riggio Sirey. That meeting and their desire to assist other Italian American women and develop a nationwide network of women sharing a common ancestry sparked the formation of the National Organization of Italian American Women. Through their commitment to this effort, NOIAW members have developed a very successful scholarship and mentoring program and also offer a variety of educational and social programs. Today, NOIAW has a strong membership and is well-known as a resource for other Italian American women pursuing their own educational and professional aspirations.

Throughout our nation's history, Italian Americans have played a pivotal role in the success and progress of America. The myriad of invaluable contributions that those of Italian ancestry have made to this nation are immeasurable. Musicians, artists, doctors, lawyers, politicians, teachers, activists, and more—the credits of Italian Americans can be found in professional and civic services across America. As an annual celebration of pride in their ethnic heritage, NOIAW recognizes the achievements of today's outstanding Italian Americans.

As they mark their 25th Anniversary, NOIAW will also honor three inspiring individuals who have each distinguished themselves in their respective careers. Lisa Caputo Nowak is an astronaut and Commander in the U.S. Navy and will become the first Italian American woman in space with the launch of STS-21 to the International Space Station in the near future. Patricia de Stacy Harrison is the current Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Prior to her appointment, she founded and managed a top public relations firm and has also served as the Co-Chair of the Republican National Committee. NOIAW's Special Recognition Award will be presented to Antonio Giordano, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Sbarro Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine. Dr. Giordano is internationally renowned for his research in cell cycle, gene therapy, and the genetics of cancer. The accomplishments of these individuals and their outstanding contributions to our nation will certainly stand as an inspiration for generations to come.

In sharing and celebrating our ethnic heritage, NOIAW has built a strong network of women and supporters who are ensuring that future generations can achieve their dreams. Their mission to support, mentor, and encourage the professional and personal success of other Italian American women is making a real difference in the lives of thousands of women throughout the country. It is with great pride that I stand today and extend my sincere congratulations to the National Organization of Italian American Women on their 25th Anniversary. In just a short time they have already touched the lives of so many, and I send my

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